



DRAFT MINUTES

HOUSE LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE STANDING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 16, 2022 | 8:00 a.m. | 30 House Building

Members Present:

Rep. Ryan D. Wilcox, Chair
Rep. Jefferson S. Burton, Vice Chair
Rep. Joel Ferry
Rep. Matthew H. Gwynn
Rep. Sandra Hollins
Rep. Marsha Judkins
Rep. Kelly B. Miles

Rep. Angela Romero
Rep. Mike Schultz
Rep. Andrew Stoddard
Rep. Stephen L. Whyte

Staff Present:

John Feinauer, Managing Policy Analyst
An Bradshaw, Committee Secretary

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

Chair Wilcox called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m.

MOTION: Rep. Miles moved to approve the minutes of February 14, 2022. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 6.

Yeas - 5

Rep. J. Burton
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. K. Miles
Rep. S. Whyte
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 0

Absent - 6

Rep. J. Ferry
Rep. M. Gwynn
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. A. Stoddard

1. H.B. 65 Forensic Biological Evidence Preservation (*King, Brian S.*)

Rep. Brian King presented the bill with the assistance of Jensi Anderson, Rocky Mountain Innocence Project. A handout was provided.

[Innocence Project](#)

Will Carlson, Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office, spoke in support of the bill.

Marc Moffitt, criminal defense lawyer, spoke in support of the bill.

Jeff Buhman, Statewide Association of Prosecutors, spoke in support of the bill.

Heather Fannen, resident, spoke in support of the bill.

Nathaniel Erb, Innocence Project, spoke in support of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Stoddard moved to replace H.B. 65 with 1st Substitute H.B. 65. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 0.

Yeas - 11

Nays - 0

Absent - 0

Rep. J. Burton
Rep. J. Ferry
Rep. M. Gwynn
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. K. Miles
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. A. Stoddard
Rep. S. Whyte
Rep. R. Wilcox

MOTION: Rep. Stoddard moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 65 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 0.

Yeas - 11

Nays - 0

Absent - 0

Rep. J. Burton
Rep. J. Ferry
Rep. M. Gwynn
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. K. Miles
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. A. Stoddard
Rep. S. Whyte
Rep. R. Wilcox

2. H.B. 351 Domestic Violence Modifications (*Pierucci, C.*)

Rep. Candace Pierucci presented the bill and provided a handout.

[Analysis of Domestic Violence in Utah](#)

Jeff Buhman spoke in support of the bill.

Tom Ross, Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice Executive Director, spoke in support of the bill.

Heather Fannon spoke in support of the bill.

Erin Jemison, Utah Domestic Violence Coalition, spoke in support of the bill.

Steve Burton, Utah Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys, spoke in support of the bill.

Moroni Benally, Restoring Ancestral Winds, spoke in support of the bill.

Rep. Burton assumed the chair.

MOTION: Rep. Romero moved to replace H.B. 351 with 2nd Substitute H.B. 351. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 10

Rep. J. Burton
Rep. J. Ferry
Rep. M. Gwynn
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. K. Miles
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. A. Stoddard
Rep. S. Whyte

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. R. Wilcox

MOTION: Rep. Romero moved to pass 2nd Substitute H.B. 351 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 10

Rep. J. Burton
Rep. J. Ferry
Rep. M. Gwynn
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. K. Miles
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. A. Stoddard
Rep. S. Whyte

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. R. Wilcox

3. H.B. 133 Expanded Background Checks for Firearm Transfers (*King, Brian S.*)

Rep. King presented the bill to the committee.

Ed Rutan, Gun Violence Prevention Center of Utah, spoke in support of the bill.

Claudia Fruin, Bulletproof Kids and American Academy of Pediatrics, spoke in support of the bill.

Sheri Mattle, Utah PTA, spoke in support of the bill.

Neca Allgood, sister of a homicide victim, spoke in support of the bill.

Clark Aposhian, Utah Shooting Sports Council, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Ellen Brady, resident, spoke in support of the bill.

Michelle Camp, DC Project, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Jean Hill, Catholic Diocese, spoke in support of the bill.

Taryn Hiatt, resident, spoke in support of the bill.

Dan Reid, National Rifle Association, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Villina Greenwell, resident, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Victoria-Christine Dortzbach, resident, spoke in opposition to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Romero moved to pass H.B. 133 out favorably.

Rep. Romero's motion to pass H.B. 133 out favorably failed with a vote of 3 - 8 - 0.

Yeas - 3

Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. A. Stoddard

Nays - 8

Rep. J. Burton
Rep. J. Ferry
Rep. M. Gwynn
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. K. Miles
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. S. Whyte
Rep. R. Wilcox

Absent - 0

4. H.B. 340 Forensic DNA Privacy Amendments (*Eliason, S.*)

Rep. Steve Eliason presented the bill with the assistance of Greg Miller, son-in-law of a homicide victim.

Richard Englehart, Ancestry.com, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Connor Boyack, Libertas Institute, spoke in opposition to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Stoddard moved to table H.B. 340.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Rep. Schultz moved to adjourn. The substitute motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 0.

Yeas - 11

Rep. J. Burton
Rep. J. Ferry
Rep. M. Gwynn
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. K. Miles
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. A. Stoddard
Rep. S. Whyte
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 0

Absent - 0

Chair Burton adjourned the meeting at 10:01 a.m.